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Federal Election Commission
Office of Complaints Examination
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999 E Street NW
Washington, DC 20436

Attn: MUR#7217

We are in receipt of your letter regarding MUR#7217.

The intention of our campaign was to reach as many people as possible on election day. Being one of the largest Congressional districts in the nation we chose the only way we might be able to do this, by plane.

Clearly, on election night our opponent chose to make our plane flight the issue instead of the clean campaign we had produced.

As noted in previous correspondence, unreimbursed air travel provided by "a corporation" is a violation of the Campaign Finance Reporting Act. However;

1. Our Pilot clearly did not want to profit in any way from his services, he is a pilot who only wanted to fly to gain more flight hours.
2. This plane is owned by "a club" which allocates certain hours to each pilot in "the club".

We would like to make every effort to expedite and end this complaint.

We believe we are within our rights as a campaign, since this was not a corporate donation, to report this as an in-kind donation, which we will do on our next report.

Please know we are making every effort to close our campaign account, as at this moment we do not foresee continuing this campaign.

Sincerely,

Merrie Lee Soules

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